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Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

Section 29A. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

1. At its 23rd meeting, on 28 May, the Committee considered section 29A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Discussion

2. Some delegations expressed concern regarding the proposal to transfer, on a phased basis, the posts of chiefs of missions in 17 of the least developed countries where the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) operates from extrabudgetary financing to the regular budget, and questioned in particular the criteria used in selecting the grades and locations of these posts. Other delegations supported the proposal. Still others expressed the view that all the 17 posts should have been included in the regular budget of section 29A for the 1992-1993 biennium.

3. One delegation recalled that in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 for this section, "no further proposals to change UNHCR's staffing establishment funded from the regular budget would be submitted before 1999".

Conclusion and recommendation

4. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 29A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.